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FRASER FAMILY MEMORANDA.

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My Father, Alexander Fraser, was the only son of John Fraser (John ffrasser) who was born at Wigton County Galloway Scotland, and came to Carolina about 1700. (He is mentioned in Hewitt's [1] history of South Carolina as a Trader with the Yemassee Indians in 1715, and lived near Coosawhatchie.)

John Fraser married Judith Warner of Rhode Island, and had four children. He died in Charleston, S. C. 14. January 1754. His widow died in April 1772. [2] Their children were :

Alexander, above named born 1722 died 6 May 1791.

Judith, died unmarried 1 May 1763.

Susan,—who married Charles Lorimer a Scotch Minister and died in England—at Shooter's Hill, Kent, 16 June 1785.

Ann, who married William Cattell, 31 July 1746 and had two sons Benjamin and William. William left no issue and Benjamin married a Maryland woman, [3] and has descendants in that State, and one also residing in South Carolina, Col. William Cattell.—Ann married a second time Col. Owen

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[1] H-e-w-a-t was the way Dr. Alexander Hewat, this historian, spelled his name. It seems that no one else will agree with him on that spelling of his name.

[2] "The same Day" [Tuesday preceding] "also died, Mrs. Judith Fraser, Widow, also a Native of this Province, aged 83 Years."—*The South-Carolina Gazette*, Thursday, April 9, 1772. "Mrs. Judith Fraser, whose Death was mentioned in this Paper of the 9th, was only 74 Years of Age, not 83."—Ibid, Thursday, April 23, 1772.

[3] Benjamin Cattell married Mary ("Polly") McCall, of Philadelphia, in 1772. (See *The South-Carolina Gazette*, Thursday, July 30, 1772.) After his death his widow married, in 1784, Gen. Mordecai Gist.

Roberts, of the Continental Army, and he was killed in a battle at Stono Ferry, S. C. 20 June 1779. Ann died in 1804.

Alexander Fraser was married twice, first to Ann Harvey, 10. Nov. 1749, by whom he had one son, John born 25 Sept. 1750 and died without issue in 1786. His second wife was Mary Grimké daughter of Frederick and Martha Grimké, whom he married on 20 March 1755.

Of my maternal Grandfather Grimké I have but little information. He was born in Germany and emigrated to this country in 1733, at the age of twenty eight years. I have the following memorandum in his handwriting, found in my Mother's pocketbook: "F. G. was born 12/23 October 1705, and married Martha Emms Williamson on 22 May 1737. A daughter was born on Tuesday morning between the hours of 6 & 7, 12. September, 1738, named Mary, christened 13. October 1738. Another daughter was born about 2 o'clock Sunday morning 29 November 1741, named Eliza, christened December 1741."

Mary married Alexander Fraser, *d.* 3 Jan. 1807 [4]

Eliza married John Rutledge, *d.* 6 June 1792. [5]

Frederick Grimké died 20 October 1778, and his wife Martha in 1764. He was the first person at whose death the bells of Saint Michael's Church were tolled.

The Charleston [6] *Gazette* said of Grimké at the time of his death. "We join in the general suffrage of all who had the

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[4] "Died, on Saturday evening last, in this city, in the 68th year of her age, Mrs. MARY FRASER, relict of the late Alexander Fraser, Esq."—*The Times*, Tuesday, January 6, 1807.

[5] DIED.] Yesterday morning, Mrs. *Rutledge*, the wife of the hon. John Rutledge, Esq: chief justice of this state."--*The City Gazette & Daily Advertiser*, Thursday, June 7, 1792.

"Breakfasted with Mrs. Rutledge (the Lady of the Chief Justice of the State who was on the Circuits) and dined with the Citizens at a public dinr. given by them at the Exchange."—Extract from *The Diary of George Washington* (Richmond, 1861) for Tuesday, May 3, 1791.

[6] *The Charlestown Gazette.*

happiness of being acquainted with this worthy character, in saying that he was hospitable, benevolent, generous."

The following is taken from the Family Bible,—children of Alexander Fraser and Mary Grimké.—

Alexander.	B. 1 Jan. 1756.	D. 9 Sept. 1756.
Alexander.	2 Sept. 1758	20 Apl. 1798.
William.	28 Apl. 1760[7]	30 May. 1814.
Frederick.	28 Aug. 1762	21 Oct. 1816.
Elizabeth.	29 Nov. 1763	27 Aug. 1846.
Mary.	17 Aug. 1765	1832.
Martha.	15 Apl. 1767	5 Aug. 1769.
Judith.	10 Oct. 1768	31 Aug. 1819.
James.	19 Feb. 1770.	6 Mch. 1812.
Martha.	31 May 1771.	16 June 1771.
Ann.	24 July 1772	1853.
Susan.	28 July 1774	5 Sept. 1845.
Sabina.	Nov. 1779	31 May 1781.
Charles.	20 Aug. 1782	5 Oct. 1860[8].

[7] "MARRIED.] Brigadier-General Mordecai Gist, to Mrs. Mary Cattell.—William Fraser, Esq; Attorney at Law, to Miss Sophia Miles, of St. Bartholomew's Parish."—*The Gazette of the State of South-Carolina*, Thursday, February 5, 1784.

[8] Two biographical sketches of Charles Fraser, the distinguished artist and lawyer, of Charleston, are printed in the back of the *Catalogue of Miniature Portraits, Landscapes, and Other Pieces, Executed by Charles Fraser, Esq.* (Charleston, 1857.) One is by Dr. R. W. Gibbes and the other by Hon. George S. Bryan. Mr. Fraser's *Reminiscences of Charleston* were published in Charleston by John Russell, in 1854.